

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A anti-microbial composition comprising:
an anti-microbially effective amount of an extract of a plant of the *Ranunculaceae* family;
and
a surfactant.
2. An anti-microbial composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein said plant of the *Ranunculaceae* family is *Ranunculus acris*.
3. A anti-microbial composition as claimed in claim 1 further comprising an essential oil.
4. A anti-microbial composition as claimed in claim 3, wherein said essential oil is tea tree oil.
5. A anti-microbial composition as claimed in claim 4, wherein between 0.1 oz. to 0.5 oz. of said tree oil is included in every 10 oz. of said composition, based on dry weight.
6. A anti-microbial composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein said surfactant is soap.
7. A anti-microbial composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein an equivalence of said extract of between 0.2 oz. and 5 oz. of said plant of the *Ranunculaceae* family is included in every 10 oz of said composition, based on dry weight.
8. A anti-microbial composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein an equivalence of said extract of between 0.8 oz. and 2 oz. of said plant of the *Ranunculaceae* family is included in every 10 oz. of said composition, based on dry weight.

9. A anti-microbial composition comprising:
an anti-microbially effective amount of an extract of a plant of the *Ranunculaceae* family;
an essential oil; and
a surfactant.
10. A anti-microbial composition as claimed in claim 9, wherein said plant of the *Ranunculaceae* family is *Ranunculus acris*.
11. A anti-microbial composition as claimed in claim 9, wherein said essential oil is tea tree oil.
12. A anti-microbial composition as claimed in claim 11, wherein between 0.1 oz. to 0.5 oz. of said tree oil is included in every 10 oz. of said composition, based on dry weight.
13. A anti-microbial composition as claimed in claim 9, wherein said surfactant is soap.
14. A anti-microbial composition as claimed in claim 9, wherein an equivalence of said extract of between 0.2 oz. and 5 oz. of said plant of the *Ranunculaceae* family is included in every 10 oz. of said composition, based on dry weight.
15. A anti-microbial composition as claimed in claim 9, wherein an equivalence of said extract of between 0.8 oz. and 2 oz. of said plant of the *Ranunculaceae* family is included in every 10 oz. of said composition based on dry weight.
16. A method of disinfecting an object comprising the step of:
contacting the object with a composition comprising an anti-microbially effective amount of an extract of a plant of the *Ranunculaceae* family.

17. A method as claimed in claim 16, wherein the step of contacting comprises the step of wiping a surface of the object with a towelette comprising said composition.
18. A method as claimed in claim 16, wherein the step of contacting comprises the step of rinsing a surface of the object using a solution comprising said composition.
19. A method as claimed in claim 16, wherein the step of contacting comprises the step of spraying a surface of the object using a solution comprising said composition.
20. A method as claimed in claim 16, wherein said plant of the *Ranunculaceae* family is *Ranunculus acris*.
21. A method as claimed in claim 16, wherein said composition further comprises an essential oil having antiseptic properties.
22. A method as claimed in claim 21, wherein said essential oil is tea tree oil.
23. A packaged towelette comprising:
 - a sheet; and
 - a surfactant, and
 - an anti-microbially effective amount of an extract of a plant of the *Ranunculaceae* family.